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October 8, 2021

Honorable Steve Barnett
Secretary of State
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501


RE: Attorney General's Statement (Constitutional Amendment: Article XXIII –
Single Subject Rule)

Dear Secretary Barnett,

Enclosed is a copy of a proposed constitutional amendment, in final form, that the sponsor submitted to this Office. In accordance with state law, I hereby file the enclosed Attorney General's Statement for this initiated measure.

By copy of this letter, I am providing a copy of the Statement to the sponsors.

Very truly yours,


Jason R. Ravensborg
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT

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Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution removing the limitation that a proposed constitutional amendment embrace only one subject and removing the requirement that proposed amendments be presented and voted on separately.

Explanation:

In 2018 the voters amended the South Dakota Constitution to add the limitation that a proposed amendment may not embrace more than one subject. In addition, the voters added the requirement that multiple amendments proposed at the same election must be individually presented and voted on separately.

This proposed constitutional amendment removes those provisions from the Constitution.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That Article XXIII, § 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by initiative or by a majority vote of all members of each house of the Legislature. An amendment proposed by initiative shall require a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The petition containing the text of the proposed amendment and the names and addresses of its sponsors shall be filed at least one year before the next general election at which the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters. A proposed amendment may amend one or more articles as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the amendment.

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